

# WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

## The Virginia Plan 1787

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**DIRECTIONS:** 1) Make an educated guess as to the meaning of each **Resolve**. Be sure to write it in your own words. 2) Explain why the larger states wanted this statute included in the US Constitution. (HINT: The words in **BOLD** can help you understand its meaning.)

Resolutions proposed by Mr. Randolph in Convention May 29, 1787

**1. Resolved** that the Articles of Confederation ought to be so **corrected & enlarged** as to accomplish the objects proposed by their institution; namely, "common defence, security of liberty and general welfare."

1) Meaning = \_\_\_\_\_

2) Reason for Including it = \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Resolved** therefore that the rights of suffrage in the National Legislature ought to be **proportioned** to the Quotas of contribution, or to the **number of free inhabitants**, as the one or the other rule may seem best in different cases.

1) Meaning = \_\_\_\_\_

2) Reason for Including it = \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Resolved** that the National **Legislature** ought to consist of **two branches**.

1) Meaning = \_\_\_\_\_

2) Reason for Including it = \_\_\_\_\_

**4. Resolved** that the members of the **first branch** of the National Legislature ought to be **elected by the people** of the several States [...]

1) Meaning = \_\_\_\_\_

2) Reason for Including it = \_\_\_\_\_

**5. Resolved** that the members of the **second branch** of the National Legislature ought to be **elected by those of the first**, out of a proper number of persons nominated by the individual Legislatures, [...]

1) Meaning = \_\_\_\_\_

2) Reason for Including it = \_\_\_\_\_

# WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

## The New Jersey Plan 1787

**DIRECTIONS: 1) Make an educated guess as to the meaning of each Resolution. Be sure to write it in your own words. 2) Explain why the smaller states wanted this statute included in the US Constitution. (HINT: The words in BOLD can help you understand its meaning.)**

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William Paterson's plan was designed to keep an equal vote in Congress for each state, an issue that would be fought over for the next month.

**1.** The Articles should be **revised** to make them "adequate to the exigencies of Government and the preservation of the Union."

1) Meaning = \_\_\_\_\_

2) Reason for Including it = \_\_\_\_\_

**2.** The Confederation Congress should be **authorized to** raise money by taxing imports, by a stamp tax, and by postage, with tax evaders tried in **state** courts with appeal to a Federal judiciary.

1) Meaning = \_\_\_\_\_

2) Reason for Including it = \_\_\_\_\_

**3.** Requests by Congress to the States for money over and above that raised by Federal **taxes** should be apportioned among the states based on free population plus 3/5 of slaves. If requisitions were not paid, a method of collecting from the delinquent states should be provided.

1) Meaning = \_\_\_\_\_

2) Reason for Including it = \_\_\_\_\_

**4.** The Congress should be authorized to **elect an executive** [plural], to appoint all officers not otherwise provided for and to direct all **military operations**. The executive be **removed** on request of a majority of the state executive.

1) Meaning = \_\_\_\_\_

2) Reason for Including it = \_\_\_\_\_

**6.** All Acts of Congress made pursuant to the **Articles of Confederation** should be the **supreme law** of the land, with state judges bound to uphold them.

1) Meaning = \_\_\_\_\_

2) Reason for Including it = \_\_\_\_\_